

***integration: an act of combining into an integrated whole***

***integrated: organized or structured so that constituent units function with a common purpose***

Suggest that this be accepted by the group as the common definition (for the purposes of our discussion) of “service integration” meaning that a set of identified services are delivered in a coordinated way focused on the purpose achieving establish and agreed upon outcomes for pregnant women, children and families with young children.

***consolidation – to bring together separate parts into a single or unified whole***

Suggest that this be accepted by the groups as the common definition (for the purposes of our discussion) of “administrative integration” meaning that a set of identified services be administrated by a common entity/agency each preserving their intended purpose and achieving related, though not necessarily the same, outcomes.

**The proposal to consolidate administration of Parent Child Centers and the Learning Together Program, Children’s Integrated Services and Building Bright Futures Direct Services is not an assumed goal and is open for full discussion.**

**Based on the clarification by CDD that the Division and the Department intends to move forward on full integration of Children’s Integrated Services as rapidly as possible across Vermont (i.e. this is a fait accomplie)**

**Recommendation for discussion:**

Children’s Integrated Services (CIS) – Early Intervention, Nursing and Family Support, Early Childhood and Family Mental Health, and Specialized Child Care Services – should be fully integrated in every AHS region around the common purpose of ensuring that every child, every pregnant woman, and every family with young children in Vermont experiencing adversity will have early, timely and highly skilled interventions to ensure that they have an opportunity to succeed.

Phase I of this integration will be implemented, as planned, in three regions (Rutland, Lamoille, and Franklin/Grand Isle) on November 1, 2011.

Phase II will be implemented by March 2011 in as many additional regions as are willing to integrate and meet criteria established for readiness to integrate.

Phase III will commence in July 2011 and accomplish integration in every region across the state as they are ready but no later than January 1, 2012.

**Identified Challenges for Change Outcomes that this Advances:**

Pregnant women and children thrive

Children are ready for school.

Children succeed in school.

Children live in safe, nurturing and supported families.